

#### **Stochastic Source Inversion Methodology** and Optimal Sensor Network Design

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#### **Event Reconstruction Answers the Critical** Questions: What? When? Where? How Much?





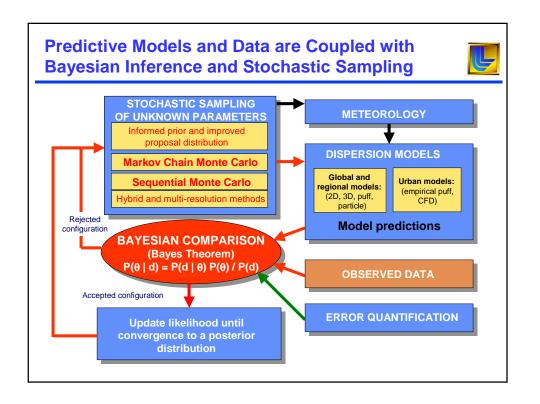
Release Event

Observations Event Reconstruction Consequence (visual, sensor, casualty)

Management

- Atmospheric releases are one of the most highly effective and rapid means to impact large populations
- Primary uncertainty due to unknown sources and meteorology
- n Our approach couples data and predictive models to provide
  - Backwards analyses to determine unknown source characteristics
  - Optimal forward predictions for consequence assessment
  - Dynamic reduction in uncertainty as additional data become available

#### **What Requirements Should an Automated Event Reconstruction Meet?** Quantitative estimates of unknown source term parameters Probabilistic assessments Ispra, Italy Optimal situation analyses (based on consistent interpretation of all available data and predictive models) Treatment of complex behavior (timedependence, high-dimensionality, multiscale phenomena, stochasticity due to Reconstruction of Algeciras steel natural atmospheric variability) mill Cs-137 release from sensor data Ability to treat multiple disparate data types Dynamic reduction in uncertainty as additional data become available System design to meet adaptability, robustness, and performance constraints for operational use Analysis tools for sensitivity and sensor network design studies



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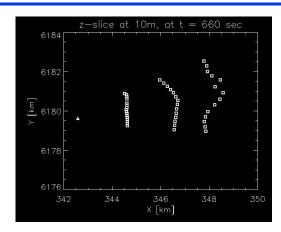


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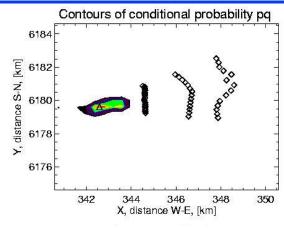




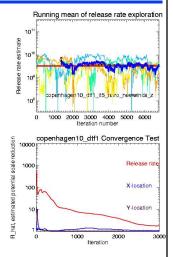
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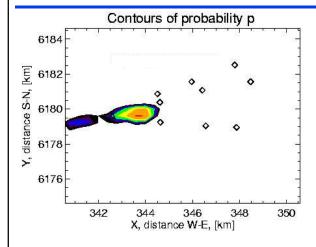
The "answer" consists of a probability distribution of possible source locations, with the most likely locations weighed most heavily (here in warm colors). Contours represent probability mass in 10% increments; yellow includes cells which account for top 30% of probability mass; blue = 50%.



Convergence (R\_hat -> 1) attained very quickly for source location.

# Using a Reduced Number of Sensors, Source Location Can Still Be Estimated





The confidence region is larger in this case and the actual source falls in the top 50% of probability mass.

Note the probability distribution is broader compared to that of the inversion with all sensors.

